Delay in presentation of credentials by Indian Ambassador to Nepal

1026. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly appointed Indian Ambassador to Nepal was made to wait for long time before presenting his credentials to the Monarch;

(b) whether the Indian Ambassador has since presented his credentials; if so, on which date; and

(c) whether there is any specific reason for the delay in accepting the credentials by the King of Nepal ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir. Lt. Gen. S. K. Sinha arrived in Kathmandu on February 20, 1990 and presented his credentials on February 22 to His Majesty the King of Nepal.

(b) Yes, Sir; on February 22, 1990.

(c) Does not arise.

Harassment of the Editor of Spokesman Weekly

1027. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police have been harassing the editor of the *Spokesman Weekly* in New Delhi as reported in the *Indian Express* of the 17th February, 1990 and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps are being taken to stop such harassment; and

(c) whether Amnesty International or PUCL have written to Government on the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Programme Telecast by Lucknow Doordarshan as "Hamara Pyara Pakistan and Jiye Jiye Pakistan"

1028. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of reports that the Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra telecast a few weeks ago in one of its programmes, the extracts of a show in praise of Pakistan including the lines such as "Hamara Pyara Pakistan, and Jiye Jiye Pakistan" sung by Pakistani artists at a function at Ravindralaya in the city ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the officials of Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow responsible for such pro-Pakistani telecast ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) A function by a Cultural Troupe from Pakistan organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations at Lucknow was covered by Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow, in their news bulletin for a duration of 55 seconds. The lines of the song covered were :

"Jeeve Jeeve Jeeve Hindustan,
Hindustan Hindustan
Jeeve Hindustan Pakistan Pakistan Jeeve Pakistan
Jeeve Jeeve . . . (Pause) . . .
Hamara dil Hamari Jan,